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Sen. Adelman appointed Chairman of Senate Urban Affairs Committee



ATLANTA- State Sen. David Adelman (D-Decatur) has been appointed chairman of the newly created Senate Urban Affairs Committee for the 2007-2008 term of the Georgia General Assembly by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle. Sen. Adelman's appointment to this Senate post is somewhat unique, as he is one of only three Democrats to chair committees in the Republican-controlled Georgia Senate.

"In naming Senator Adelman as chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee, I knew Atlanta's urban residents would have a strong voice and strong leader in the state Senate," Lt. Governor Cagle said. "I am confident in Senator Adelman's abilities and remain committed to a spirit of bipartisanship and consensus as the Senate moves forward."

The Urban Affairs Committee is a newly created Senate committee that will be responsible for addressing transportation, public safety, healthcare, recreation, infrastructure and economic development issues that uniquely impact the urban areas of metropolitan Atlanta.

Sen. Adelman also will serve on the Senate Judiciary Committee and the influential Senate Rules Committee, which decides the orderly placement of legislation on the Senate calendar. In addition, he was re-appointed as vice chair of the Senate Special Judiciary Committee, and he will serve as a member of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

“I am honored by this appointment as chair of the Urban Affairs Committee,” stated Sen. Adelman. “When we put our minds to it, we can overcome partisan divisions. That will be my goal as chairman of this important committee.”

Sen. Adelman was first elected to the Georgia Senate in 2002, and he currently serves as Minority Whip. On Monday, he was officially sworn in for his third term as the state Senator representing the 42nd Senate District.

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